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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventors: DeOrnellas, et al.

Application No.: 09/692,007

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Title: METHOD FOR USING A HARD MASK FOR  
CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH  
CONTAINMENT

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: L. Umez Eronini

Customer No. 23910

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

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Signature Date: December 29, 2004

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, a shortened period for reply was set to expire on December 30, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for a three month extension of time for replying to the Office Action up to and including December 30, 2004.

✓ Applicant(s) hereby claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)	Extended Month
_____ \$ 120.00/\$ 60.00	First
_____ \$ 450.00/\$225.00	Second
<u>✓</u> \$1,020.00/\$510.00	Third
_____ \$1,590.00/\$795.00	Fourth
_____ \$2,160.00/\$1,080.00	Fifth

TOTAL PETITION FEE \$510.00

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

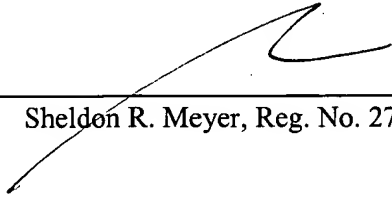
The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A reply to the Office Action was previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ A reply to the Office Action is filed herewith.
- ✓ An executed Declaration Under Rule 131 (along with an unsigned Declaration for reference) and copies of lab notebook entries which include: (1) pages 77, 78 and 81-83 from the lab notebook of Kurt Olson; and (2) pages 53-100 from the lab notebook of Alfred Cofer.
- ✓ A Reply Transmittal Letter.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A divisional application is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A continuation-in-part application is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A continued prosecution application is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.
- ✓ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit  
Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 12/29/04

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